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SUBJECT: NEW EC JUMELAGE SCHEME FOR BEEF

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1. A COMMISSION OFFICIAL WORKING ON BEEF TOLD US THAT THE EC COMMISSION MAY APPROVE VIA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WRITTEN PROCEDURE A NEW JUMELAGE

SYSTEM FOR BEEF BY THE END OF THIS WEEK. THE EXIM SCHEME EXPIRED DEC. 31. THE PROPOSED JUMELAGE SCHEME WOULD BE ALONG THE LINES DESCRIBED REFTEL EXCEPT THAT THERE WOULD BE NO EXPLICIT LIMIT ESTABLISHED FOR IMPORTS. A FIGURE OF 10,000 M.T. PER MONTH HAD BEEN SUGGESTED

EARLIER. IN PRACTICE, ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, IT MAY HAPPEN THAT THIS WILL INDEED BE THE NORMAL LEVEL OF IMPORTS UNDER THE SYSTEM.

2. IF APPROVAL FOLLOWS ACCORDING TO PLAN, THE IMPLEMENTING REGULATION CAN BE PUBLISHED JANUARY 17 AND THE FIRST INVITATION TO TENDER OPENED

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SIMULTANEOUSLY. BIDS WOULD BE ACCEPTED UNTIL JANUARY 30. THE COMMISSION WOULD THEN EXPECT TO REVIEW BIDS BY FEBRUARY 3 AND

APPROVE THEM (IF ANY) AROUND FEB. 5-6.

3. OUR COMMISSION SOURCE SAID IT WAS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE IN
ADVANCE OF THE SUBMISSION OF BIDS WHAT QUANTITIES WOULD BE OFFERED
TO THE EC. HOWEVER, HE BELIEVES THAT FROZEN BEEF FOR MANUFACTURING
(PRIMARILY FROM AUSTRALIA, ARGENTINA, AND URUGUAY) WOULD LIKELY
ENTER THE EC UNDER THE JUMELAGE SYSTEM.
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